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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, IC, GW

SUBJECT: GOI URGED TO ACT AGAINST FRG TACTICS IN FISHERIES  
DISPUTE

1. IN MOST EXPLICIT LANGUAGE HE HAS USED TO DATE,  
POWERFUL ALTHING FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
THORARINN THORARINSSON HAS AGAIN EDITORIALY ATTACKED  
FRG FOR IMPOSING LANDING BAN ON ICELANDIC CATCH AND  
ITS VETO OF ICELAND-EEC TARIFF AGREEMENT, AND URGED  
GOI ACTION IN RESPONSE. WRITING IN JUNE 12 PRO-  
GRESSIVE PARTY DAILY TIMINN (OF WHICH HE IS EDITOR),  
THORARINSSON MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE GOI COUNTER MEA-  
SURES SPECIAL TARIFF ON FRG IMPORTS OR TERMINATION  
BY ICELAND OF TRADE AGREEMENT WITH EEC. "BOTH OF  
THESE (MEASURES) MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE ALTHING  
AND THE CABINET IF THERE IS NOT AN EARLY CHANGE IN  
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THE WEST GERMAN POSITION," HE CONCLUDED.

2. COMMENT: WHATEVER VALIDITY OF THORARINSSON'S THREATS (OR EFFECTIVENESS IF THEY MATERIALIZE), HE IS KEEPING THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE BEFORE PUBLIC WITH INCREASING FERVOR. THIS IS THE SAME SORT OF TACTIC THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY LEADERSHIP EMPLOYED IN THE LEFTIST GOVERNMENT DURING THE "COD WAR" WITH THE BRITISH IN TRYING TO FORCE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FISHERIES LIMIT DISPUTE AND ICELAND'S MEMBERSHIP IN NATO ON THE ONE HAND, AND RETENTION OF IDF ON THE OTHER. SHOULD ICELAND'S ECONOMIC SITUATION CONTINUE TO WORSEN, THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY COULD INDEED STIR THE ALTHING INTO CAUSING US SOME DISCOMFIT. AS OF NOW, HOWEVER, IT LOOKS AS IF THESE TACTICS WILL UNTIMATELY FAIL BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF INDEPENDENCE PARTY IN THE GOVERNMENT.

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